

of ten barrels of vinegar. The fire of 1821 burnt over the same district, beginning where the market-house stands, then it crossed Hargett and was only stopped by the pluck of Mrs. Hannah Stewart, which saved her dwelling standing on the land occupied by Tucker hall. She saved it again from a fire which consumed all the buildings north to Morgan street, but about twenty years afterwards a third fire prevailed even over her heroic energy.

At another time all the buildings on the west side of Fayetteville street from Morgan to Hargett, with the exception of that next to Morgan, then belonging to the Newbern bank, were swept away. This was kindled by an incendiary, Benjamin F. Seaborn, a clerk of Richard Smith, who endeavored by arson to hide the crime of theft. Smith was County Register, and twenty registry books were destroyed with his store-house, causing much confusion of titles in our county. It is gratifying to know that Seaborn was hung for his crime.

#### THE FIRST CITY FATHERS.

The first Intendant of Police of the city, as I have stated, was John Haywood, the Treasurer of the State from 1787 to his death in 1827, forty years, so popular that a county and a town were named in his honor, one of the most conspicuous citizens of early Raleigh. His kindness to the sick and afflicted and his hospitality knew no limit. He made it a rule to invite to a meal every member and officer of the General Assembly, which in his time met yearly. Rather uncultured guests he had sometimes. Funny stories about some of them once flitted about the social atmosphere of our town. I recall one of a backwoods legislator who in the dim light of the Treasurer's parlor gazed with enquiring wonder at an animal lying on the rug. "That," said the Treasurer, "is my daughter's pet." "A pet is it? a pet you say? I thought it was a cat!" It was at a party, as receptions were then called, given by Senator Badger, some years later, that one of the guests took his seat on an old-fashioned piano, remarking that "these Raleigh big-bugs have benches with mighty long legs."

Treasurer John Haywood is to be distinguished from Judge John Haywood, the eminent lawyer who adorned the bench of this State and of Tennessee. Treasurer John was from Edgecombe, son of Col. William Haywood, a very prominent member of our State Congresses and General Assemblies of the Revolution. Judge John was from Halifax, son of Egbert,